

## Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notices

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing applications for the following project for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision. You may submit comments in writing on any of these projects to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
Attention: 401 Coordinator

<b>Project Applicant</b>	Robert Koplin – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
<b>Applicant's Agent</b>	N/A
<b>Project Name</b>	Santa Maria Levee Improvement Project
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Santa Maria River
<b>City/County</b>	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara
<b>Public Notice</b>	May 14 <del>2</del> , 2009 – June 4 <del>2</del> , 2009
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The purpose of the project is to strengthen an existing south levee with sheet pile and soil cement revetment in order to address the original design deficiencies and reduce the risk to life and property.</p> <p>The project activities include the <u>construction of temporary cement batch plants, clearing vegetation for construction activity, and</u> installation of soil cement protection combined with a segment of sheet pile.</p> <p><u>Impacts include permanent loss of 1.8 acres of riverbed and 4.4 acres of riparian habitat to expanded levee footprint; and, temporary impact to 30.4 acres of riverbed and 68.2 acres of riparian habitat.</u></p> <p>Mitigations include the restoration <u>of temporarily disturbed areas: of 30.4 acres of streambed, and 68.2 acres of riparian habitat.</u></p> <p>The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers filed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) <u>(State Clearinghouse File No. 2009044003)</u> in April 2009 in compliance with NEPA. <u>CEQA compliance is pending and</u> per coordination with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, <u>will use the Final EA for CEQA compliance.</u></p>

### File Location:

S:\Section 401 Certification\Public Notices\Public Notices for Santa Barbara Co\Santa Maria Levee Improvement Projects.doc